

REMARKS

Claims 5-10, 12 and 18-20 stand allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-4, 11, 13-15 and 17 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Fisher et al. publication entitled "Development of an access-by-the-internet control laboratory".

Indicated allowable claims 8, 16, and 18 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 14, and 17 have been cancelled. Each of the pending dependent claims 2-7, 9-13, 15, and 19-20, as amended, respectively depend from a patentable independent claim 8, 16, and 18. Thus, each of the pending claims 2-13, 15-16, and 18-20, as amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants have reviewed all the art of record, and respectfully submit that the claimed invention is patentable over all the art of record, including the references not relied upon by the Examiner for the rejection of the pending claims.

It is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance and allowance of each of the pending claims 2-13, 15-16, and 18-20 is respectfully requested. Prompt and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner upon considering this amendment should find that a telephone interview would be helpful in expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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